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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner Andrew Millikin	Art Unit 2837	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Andrew Millikin. (3) Randy Pritzker.

(2) David Gesner. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 12 July 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 11.

Identification of prior art discussed: U.S. Patent No. 5,614,687 (Yamada et al.).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

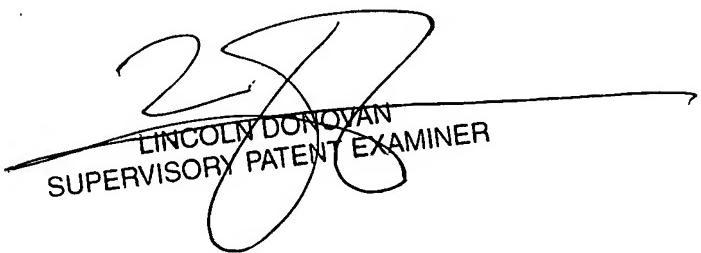
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed relevance of Yamada to claims 1 & 11, specifically regarding the clause "an identifying means for identifying a tempo...by the time interval detecting means." Applicant suggested adding a limitation regarding detecting a frequently occurring time interval and examiner agreed that such a limitation would most likely overcome the Yamada-based 102 rejection, as Yamada does not explicitly teach identifying a frequently occurring time interval.



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